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Testimony Supporting

**H. B. No. 6381 AN ACT CONCERNING DNA COLLECTION FROM CERTAIN  
CONVICTED INDIVIDUALS**

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Senator McDonald, Representative Lawlor and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on House Bill No. 6381 AN ACT CONCERNING DNA COLLECTION FROM CERTAIN CONVICTED INDIVIDUALS.

This bill would assist the Department of Public Safety and other law enforcement agencies in solving "cold cases" by allowing the Commissioner of Correction to use reasonable force to obtain a blood or other biological sample for DNA analysis from a person in the custody of the Commissioner who refuses to comply with such requirement after being convicted for failure to supply such sample.

Additionally, this bill would increase the penalty from a class A misdemeanor to a class D felony for those refusing to submit a DNA sample if convicted of certain crimes as outlined in section 54-102g of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony on this important matter. I ask for the committee's favorable consideration.